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1. Ferdinand Stanek, born 4 May 1902 in Linz, retired Criminal Police Inspector, at present head of the VOEST plant security service (Werkssicherheitsdienst) joined the KPOs in the fall of 1950 and maintains cordial relations with the KPOs shop councillor Josef Luckeneder, born 24 February 1905 in Linz. Stanek, who lives in Linz-Urfahr, am Reich 27, was allegedly requested by the KPOs to facilitate the hiring by the VOEST of persons recommended to Stanek by the KPOs. The deputy head of the plant security service, Josef Proell, born 1 September 1903 in Jilbach, living in Linz, Thunassingerstrasse 5, is also a Communist.
2. After last fall's Communist strike, Stanek recommended to the VOEST management that in the future, workers be screened prior to their employment with VOEST. The proposal was accepted and Stanek first reported on some workers, but never on KPOs members. Later, he stopped preparing such reports altogether.
3. Other Communist activists at the VOEST are:
  - a. Vinzenz Simon, employed in the shipping department, born 30 January 1900 in Gernau, Rumania, naturalized Austrian citizen living in Linz, Lissagasse 6
  - b. Franz Raspelnayr, employed in the shipping department, born 17 April 1915 in Linz, living in Linz, Mathias Mayring 4. Raspelnayr is said to have recruited Simon into the KPOs. He is allegedly in charge of a KPOs sabotage group at the plant.
  - c. Johann Lindner, KPOs shop councillor, born 1 April 1913 in Vienna, living in Linz, Matschekstrasse 32. Lindner graduated from an indoctrination school in Moscow and was returned to Berlin by Soviet plane in 1945.
  - d. Rudolf Kuehrer, Chief of the KPOs Action Committee at the VOEST. Kuehrer is suspected of having sold plans of the VOEST to the Soviets and it is believed that he obtained the plans from either Eng. Franz Schneiderbauer, born 29 January 1915 in Leis, or from Eng. Georg Gutschky, born 19 June 1914 in Vienna. Both engineers are employed in the electric power station (Schaltwerk) and are notorious Communists. Rudolf Kuehrer, born 22 April 1914 in Linz, lives in Linz, Glimpfingerstrasse 70.

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